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For: METHOD OF PREPARING (S)- OR (R) -3, 3, 3- TRIFLUORO-2-HYDROXY-2-METHYLPROPRIONIC ACID

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 8, 2004, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.